

ADMINISTRATOR'S

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Allocation Section and Regional Offices
FROM: Norman C. Young *NCY*
DATE: May 18, 1983
SUBJECT: Recording of Water Rights for Fire Protection

It is the department's policy that fire protection is an "implied" use for any water right up to the maximum amount of that water right.

It is also appropriate that the use of water actually diverted from a public source and used for fire suppression purposes, regardless of whether or not that diversion is associated with another water right, be recognized and protected. Typically, water diverted for fire suppression is taken randomly, without the quantifying characteristics of a recordable water right; however, the use of water for fire suppression does benefit the public.

It is the department's policy that it is not necessary to record a water right, for historical or future use, for the random diversion of water from a public source for fire suppression purposes. This policy is limited to that water which is actually diverted from a public source for fire suppression purposes.